

## Margaret Van Walker, 95

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Margaret M. VanWalker, 95, Aberdeen, died Sunday, May 2, 1993, at the Bethesda Home, Aberdeen.

Funeral services were held on May 5, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, with the Rev. Gerold Sevig officiating. Burial was in the Groton Cemetery.

Margaret Martha Erdmann was born on December 30, 1897 at Groton to Fred H. and Hulda (Urban) Erdmann. She started school in Groton and then her family moved to Stratford. She graduated from Central High School, Aberdeen with the Class of 1917. She then attended the University of South Dakota at Vermillion where she received her teaching certificate. She then taught at Faulkton. She moved to Sioux Falls and later to Chicago, Ill. In the early 1930's she returned to South Dakota and taught at a rural school in McPherson County. She attended Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen and received her Bachelor Degree in Education in 1939. She then taught at Columbia and then at Mina where she taught student teachers. On June 1, 1942 she was married to Willard R. VanWalker at Stratford. They made their home in Aberdeen where her husband was Dean and Professor of Math at Northern State College.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Mrs. Emily Erdmann, Groton; Mrs. Adeline Witt and Mrs. Edna Scott Johnson, both of Aberdeen; Mitta (Johnson) Angell, Dallas, Texas and Marcy (Johnson) Chateaux, Grosse Point, Mich., three nieces, Jan (Eli) Crane, Woodland Hills, Calif.; Carol (Erdmann) Dausch, Baltimore, Md.; Elsa (Erdmann) Felten, Evanston, Ill.; and one nephew, Dr. Don Eli, Whittier, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one step-son, two step daughters, one brother and one sister.

Casketbearers were Robert E. Schuelke, Jerroll Erdmann, Bill Schuelke, Vern McCullough, all of Groton, Gerhardt Erdmann, Conde, and Dr. Lester Clarke, Aberdeen.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, B.L.C.W. (Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women), A.A.U.W. (American Association of University Women), past president and member of N.S.C. Faculty wives, past president of Aberdeen Federation of Women's Clubs, member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Aberdeen, and was member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Usher were Richard Ratzlaff and Ben Benson.

Organist was Arliss Alberts and soloist was Janis Pearson.

The family suggests memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.